
REPORT OF CABINET

MEETING HELD ON 29 JULY 2004

Chair: † Councillor Foulds

Councillors: * D Ashton * C Mote
* Burchell * O'Dell
* Margaret Davine * N Shah
† Dighé * Stephenson
* Miss Lyne

* Denotes Member present
† Denotes apologies received

550. **Reports from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee or Sub-Committees:**

Members considered a reference from the Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Sub-Committee on the Scrutiny Review of Special Educational Needs (SEN) Processes together with a report of the Executive Director (People First).

The Executive Director (People First) reported that the Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Sub-Committee had conducted a major review of the processes of special educational needs (SEN) with a view to improving communications for parents and carers and the criteria for assessment. He referred Members to the recommendation set out on page 7 of his covering report.

The Portfolio Holder for Education and Lifelong Learning and the Leader of the Conservative Group stated that the report of the Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Sub-Committee was outstanding, and following a discussion on the extent of Member-level involvement on the discussion proposed in the recommendation, it was

RESOLVED: That the Scrutiny Review Report on Special Educational Needs (SEN) Processes be noted and that the Portfolio Holder for Education and Lifelong Learning discuss this report with officers and the Chair of the Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Sub-Committee and that a report be submitted to a future meeting of the Cabinet.

Reason for Decision: To consider the issues raised in the Scrutiny Report.

[Note: Councillors C Mote, D Ashton and Miss Lyne, whilst supportive of the report, wished to be recorded as having voted against the resolution above as they were of the view that the discussions between the Portfolio Holder, Officers and the Chair of the Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Sub-Committee ought to be cross-party and involve Members of the Conservative and Liberal Democrat Groups].